

# Town of Embden

## Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 6:15pm at the Embden Town Office

**Board Members in Attendance:** Charles Taylor, Wayne McLaughlin, Janice Welch

**Other Officials Present:** Ruth Blake, Ann Bridges, Michael Witham

**Members of the Public Present:** Russell Bridges, Kevin Sousa, Robert Lightbody, Craig Arbough

**Minutes recorded by:** Christine Sockwell

1. **Call to Order:** Charles called the meeting to order at 6:16 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Approved, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, minutes: Janice made motion to approve the minutes, Wayne seconded. Passed 3-0.
  - b. Review Town Warrant – (AP #24 and payroll #23) – All signed and approved.
  - c. Bank Reconciliation- April bank rec will be finished next week.
4. **Appointments and Resignations-** None
5. **Presentation-** Mr. Campbell our RSU #74 Superintendent presented the breakdown of the 2023/2024 budget.
6. **Executive Session-** None
7. **Department Officials' Reports**
  - a. E-911 – Christy is working with Michael Witham to have missing road signs put up. Christy is having more calls coming in for new addresses now that the snow is gone, and people are coming back for the summer.
  - b. Winter Roads – Josh did a great job fixing peoples mailboxes and cleaning up sand shed.
  - c. Animal Control – Robin is taking an online class for ACO
  - d. Assessor – Nothing to report
  - e. Planning Board – Ann said they are starting to get busy.
  - f. Board of Appeals – Nothing to report
  - g. Local Plumbing Inspector – Nothing to report
  - h. Code Enforcement Officer- Nothing to report, Terriann is on vacation this week.
  - i. Health Officer- Nothing to report
  - j. Road Commissioner – The big rain we had on Monday caused a lot of washouts. Hancock Pond Rd has a hole in it that Michael is working on repairing. Moulton Rd had the worst wash out. It took eight loads of material to fill it. A lot of culverts were plugged, and there are a lot of culverts around town that need to be replaced. Craig Arbough brought up the idea of replacing the culverts at the same time the water district is laying new lines. The street sweeping is all done. East Shore Rd has a STOP sign that needs to be replaced. Michael is working on getting the grading done. He has put the dock in and did some clean up at the boat landing. The posted road signs came down last Thursday. Charles called Lucas Tree; they will be cleaning up the tree debris.
  - k. RSU#74- Nothing to report
  - l. Town Clerk/Treasurer- Nothing to report
  - m. Registrar of Voters – Nothing to report
  - n. Tax Collector – Ruth collected \$11,580.44 since 4/6/23
  - o. Community Center- Some of the locks have been changed at the ECC. Highland Heating is still working on the heat pumps. There will be Super on the 13<sup>th</sup>, Country Sunday on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday there will be a fundraiser for a lady in town that has cancer. Snowshoe Village is working with the ECC. They are wanting to give back to the community. There will be a ZOOM meeting this Sunday to discuss things.
8. **Unfinished Business** – Nothing to report
9. **New Business** – Janice said the Solar farm meeting on Kennebec River Rd last Monday went very well. Others from the town that attended the meeting were Terriann Lamontagne, Wayne McLaughlin, Leo Mayo. Larry Dunphy and Lori Nile were also there.
10. **Correspondence-**
11. **Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum-**
12. **Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment** –
  - a. Next regularly scheduled meeting – June 1st, 2023.
  - b. Janice made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Wayne seconded, and the Board voted 3-0 to adjourn at 7:46 pm.